Participation of NGOs in the construction of IAY houses

871. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent in the local national and low cost technology is being utilised for construction of Indira Awas Yojana houses;

(b) what steps are being taken to involve NGOs in this area; and

(c) what are the institutions which are engaged in providing this?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) As per Indira Awas guidelines and instructions issued from time to time, efforts should be made to utilise to the maximum extent local materials, cost effective techniques and low cost technologies developed by various institutions.

(b) and (c) NGOs are involved in rural housing construction through CAPART.

Indentification of 100 Most • Backward And Poorest Districts

872. SHRI AHMED PATEL:Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EM PLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the recent past Government had appointed a committee to evolve criteria for identification of 100 most backwared and poorest districts in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether identification of such districts has been completed;

(d) if so, the details thereof and how many such districts are in Gujarat;

(e) whether Government have evolved any special) plans for the development of such districts; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The Committee was constituted on 26th February, 1997 with Dr. E.A.S Sar-ma as Chairman.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) In view of (c) above, question does not arise.

Monthly reports of Indira Awas Yojana

873. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the provision to submit monthly reports with respect to Indira Awas Yojana, is being adhered to by the State Governments;

(b) the names of State Governments which are not sending these monthly reports; and

(c) what steps are being taken to enforce this provision?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) and (b) Most of the State Governments are sending monthly reports regularly, except the occasional cases of delay.

(c) Instructions have been issued to State Governments to ensure that they send timely monthly reports. During the various meetings, concerned State Secretaries have been requested in this regard.

Elections under Panchayati Raj

874. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state: